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### New Crosswalk Signal light installed on Busy Beaverton Roadway

The Beaverton Police Department will be conducting public awareness and then enforcement missions at the location of a new crosswalk traffic signal. The signal has just been installed on SW Farmington Road between SW Menlo Drive and SW 139<sup>th</sup> (directly in front of TVF&R Fire Station #67). This traffic signal operates as both a pedestrian cross walk signal as well as the signal used by the fire station to stop traffic for the departure of fire trucks responding to emergencies. There are no cross streets at the location so the signal does not operate to direct traffic for cross street purposes.

For the purposes of pedestrian crossings, the signal is activated when the pedestrian approaches the crosswalk and activates the button to cross the roadway. The traffic signal cycles through yellow to red in both flashing and solid modes for both. After the lights have turned to red the pedestrian will receive a walk signal. There are temporary signs up in both directions advising motorists of the traffic signal change. See photos.

The signal was installed after numerous citizen complaints of the need for a crosswalk in this area. Since the signal has been installed there have been complaints that motorists are not stopping for the signal. It is assumed that they are not aware of the new signal installation (despite the signs). Therefore the police department is going to increase awareness of the signal at this location by conducting random enforcements. Officers will stop vehicles that did not stop for the light and advise them of the violation. Officers will issue warnings until Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, at which time citations could be issued. Two potential citations that could be issued are 811.265 (Failure to Obey a Traffic Control Device) or 811.028 (Failure to Stop and Remain Stopped for a Pedestrian). Generally, the pedestrian violation will be the priority. The fine for each is \$260.